

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 to 7, 12, 19, 22 to 24 and 26 to 28 remain in this application. Claims 19, 22 and 26 have been amended and Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 18, 20, 21, 25 and 29 to 40 have been cancelled. Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 18, 20, 21, 26 and 29 to 40 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to resubmit the cancelled claims and states that the subject matter thereof has not been dedicated to the public.

Applicant thanks the Examiner's for his indication that the subject matter of Claims 1 to 7, 12, 20, 25 and 29 is deemed patentable. Claims 20, 25 and 29 have now been cancelled and their subject matter inserted into claims 19, 22 and 26, respectively.

Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 19, 21 to 24, 26 to 28 and 30 to 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application No. 20040053623 to Hoff et al. ("Hoff"). Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 18, 21 and 30 to 40 have now been cancelled. Independent Claims 19, 22 and 26 have been amended to include the subject matter of original claims 20, 25 and 29, respectively, which the Examiner has deemed patentable over Hoff. Claims 27 and 28 are also patentable as they are dependent from amended claim 26. Retraction of Examiner's rejection of Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 19, 21 to 24, 26 to 28 and 30 to 40 is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 19, 21 to 24, 26 to 28 and 30 to 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application No. 20040210559 to Qvigstad et al. ("Qvigstad"). Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 18, 21 and 30 to 40 have now been cancelled. Independent Claims 19, 22 and 26 have been amended to include the subject matter of original claims 20, 25 and 29, respectively, which the Examiner has deemed patentable over Qvigstad. Claims 27 and 28 are also patentable as they are dependent from amended claim 26. Retraction of Examiner's rejection of Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 19, 21 to 24, 26 to 28 and 30 to 40 is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 19, 21 to 24, 26 to 28 and 30 to 40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,385,451 to Kalliokulju et al. ("Kalliokulju"). Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 18, 21 and 30 to 40 have now been cancelled. Independent Claims 19, 22 and 26 have been amended to include the subject matter of original claims 20, 25 and 29,

respectively, which the Examiner has deemed patentable over Kalliokulju. Claims 27 and 28 are also patentable as they are dependent from amended claim 26. Retraction of Examiner's rejection of Claims 8 to 11, 13 to 19, 21 to 24, 26 to 28 and 30 to 40 is respectfully requested.

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, which is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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